



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 680

December 23, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives OTTE, BAUMGART, MUSSER, HASENOHRL, SKINDRUD, AINSWORTH, R. YOUNG, BOCK and LA FAVE, cosponsored by Senator C. POTTER. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to create** 346.89 (1m) and 346.95 (2g) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 operating a motor vehicle while operating a mobile telecommunications device
3 and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits inattentive driving. The driver of a motor vehicle is prohibited from being so engaged or occupied as to interfere with the safe driving of the vehicle. Violators may be required to forfeit not less than \$20 nor more than \$400.

This bill prohibits the driver of a motor vehicle from being so engaged or occupied with the use of a mobile telecommunications device as to interfere with the safe driving of the vehicle or as to impede the flow of traffic. The bill does not define "mobile telecommunications device".

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 346.89 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:
5 346.89 (1m) No person while driving a motor vehicle shall be so engaged or
6 occupied with the use of a mobile telecommunications device as to interfere with the

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1 safe driving of such vehicle or as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of
2 traffic.

3 **SECTION 2.** 346.95 (2g) of the statutes is created to read:

4 346.95 (2g) Any person violating s. 346.89 (1m) may be required to forfeit not
5 less than \$50 nor more than \$400.

6 (END)